



# Gales Winter Programme Communication

## Gales Course Winter Programme

After the successful 2016-17 Gales winter programme there will be continued works along the same lines this coming winter. Gorse removal, some limited tree removal, selected bunker refurbishment and the general improvement to the playability of the golf course will be the priorities.

I have listed below the normal course winter programme as the bush and tree removal programme has previously been submitted.

## Remedial Gales Greens and Surrounds Work

In the last few years we have witnessed a consistent gradual rise in the annual rainfall figures. This has included increases during the summer months, which in turn has placed the greens under pressure during the height of the season. After consultation with STRI a programme to address certain issues on the greens and the surrounds has been agreed. This is primarily to address issues that have developed over a number of years and are based around alleviating compaction and drainage issues that sit around 300-400mm below the surface. From late October onwards we will be addressing these issues with three slightly different processes that will include a deep aerification and heavy top dress, a less invasive aerification and top dress and finally a shallow aerification and light top dress. This will be completed by early December and will then allow the greens and surrounds to drain better and in turn provide firmer surfaces. During these processes the surfaces will not putt as well as normal and there will be 2-3 temporary greens at a time when the work is being done. However I am sure Members will understand and appreciate the requirement for this work and also the long term benefits it will provide.

## Gales Bunker Works and General Renovations

- Hole 1;           Patch revett the 2<sup>nd</sup> RH fairway bunker.
  
- Hole 2;           Turf worn areas on the walk up to the main tee, turf 2 strips on the path towards the championship tee, possibly revett the face and worn surrounds on the LH fairway bunker, revett or edge entrance to the 1<sup>st</sup> RH fairway bunker and possibly revett the face of the 2<sup>nd</sup> RH fairway bunker and turf the worn areas.
  
- Hole 3;           Remove the sleepers from the blue tee, possibly revett the 2<sup>nd</sup> LH fairway bunker and 2<sup>nd</sup> RH fairway bunker.
  
- Hole 4;           Turf the small worn area at the start of the fairway, Possibly revett the 4<sup>th</sup> LH fairway bunker and revett the entrance to the RH greenside bunker.



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- Hole 5; Remove sleepers from blue tee, possibly revett the 1<sup>st</sup> LH fairway bunker and bunker on the front of the green on hill.
- Hole 6; Revett the 1<sup>st</sup> greenside bunker.
- Hole 7; Revett LH greenside bunker and re turf the end of the path through to the 8<sup>th</sup> tee.
- Hole 8; Possibly remove sleepers at the main tee and soften banks, patch revett worn areas on LH greenside bunker.
- Hole 9; Remove sleepers on the main tee and soften banks, revett LH fairway bunker and revett the entrance to the greenside bunker.
- Hole 10; Remove old sleepers at blue tee and possibly install new ones, revett 1<sup>st</sup> LH fairway bunker, make 2 small bunkers on the right of the fairway into one bunker and revett, possibly revett entrance to the 2<sup>nd</sup> LH fairway bunker, revett face of 3<sup>rd</sup> LH fairway bunker and revett LH greenside bunker.
- Hole 11; Possibly remove sleepers from both the main tees and soften banks, cut back trees on line with the medal tee, revett fairway bunker and extend on the RH side.
- Hole 12; Soften tee banks, revett entrance to RH green side bunker.
- Hole 13; Possibly revett 3<sup>rd</sup> LH fairway bunker and increase in size, possibly revett LH green side bunker, possibly revett RH green side bunker.
- Hole 14; Revett LH hill bunker and LH green side bunker.
- Hole 15; Possibly remove sleepers from the main tee and soften banks.
- Hole 16; Revett entrance to 1<sup>st</sup> LH fairway bunker, revett 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> LH fairway bunkers, revett 1<sup>st</sup> Rh fairway bunker.
- Hole 17; Close furthest out Rh fairway bunker and leave as slight grassed depression, revett bunker closest to the fairway and extend into the fairway by approximately 2/3 yards.